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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1973

BEGIN SUMMARY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, MAY 12, ELECTED
OFFICERS FOR 1973 SESSION, RETAINING PHOUMI SANANIKONE
AND CHAO SOPSAISANA AS PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT
RESPECTIVELY. IN ONLY CONTESTED ELECTION, VETERAN DEPUTY
SISOUPHANA PHOUNPRADITH DEFEATED INCUMBENT PHAN
NORINDR FOR POSITION OF QUAESTOR. ASSEMBLY ALSO
MADE SOME CHANGES IN CHOOSING MEMBERS OF
STANDING COMMITTEE AND CHAIRMEN OF ITS REGULAR

COMMITTEES. END SUMMARY.

1. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MET MAY 12 TO ELECT OFFICERS
FOR 1973 SESSION. PHOUMI SANANIKONE AND CHAO
SOPSAISANA WERE RE- ELECTED WITHOUT OPPOSITION AS
PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT RESPECTIVELY; BUT INCUMBENT
PHAN NORINDR LOST POST OF QUAESTOR TO
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VETERAN SISOUPHANH PHOUNPRADITH. VOTE TOTALS FOLLOW:

PRESIDENT - PHOU- 46 ; ABSTENTIONS -9

VICE PRESIDENT: SOPSAISANA-41; ABSTENTIONS -14

QUAESTOR: SISOUPHANH - 30; PHAN NORINDR - 23;
ABSTENTIONS - 2.

2. ASSEMBLY ENLARGED STANDING COMMITTEE FROM 8 TO 10 MEMBERS TO MAKE ROOM FOR TEN DEPUTIES WHO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SERVING ON COMMITTEE WHICH FUNCTIONS WHEN ASSEMBLY IS NOT IN SESSION. FOLLOWING DEPUTIES WERE CHOSEN:

HOLD- OVERS - MAK VALAYSARN, VUK DARASENG, KHAMLA KINGSADA, KHAMSENE BOUNGNASENG, HOUMPHANH NORASINGH;

NEW MEMBERS- LOY OBMALAY, LY TOU YIA, PHOM BOUNLUTAY, BOUNTHAN HEUANGPRASEUTH, PHOM PHRAKONEKHAM.

3. FOLLOWING WERE SELECTED COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

A. FINANCE/ BUDGET - XAY OUNAROM (NEW REPLACING KHAMTOU SACKDA);

B. DEFENSE - KHAMTAY S. PHABMIXAY (NEW, FORMERLY ON STANDING COMMITTEE, REPLACES GEN. AMKHA SOUKHAVONG);

C. EDUCATION/ INFORMATION - DR. SOMPHOU OUDOMVILAY (NO CHANGE);

D. FOREIGN AFFAIRS - NOUPHAT CHOUNRAMMANY (NO CHANGE);

E. INTERNAL AFFAIRS - KHORANHOK SOUVANNAVONG (NEW, REPLACING HENG SAYTHAVY);

F. LAW/ POLITICS - SITHAT SITHIBOUN (NO CHANGE);

G. ECONOMY AND DEVELOPMENT - KHAMFANH NOUANSAVANH (NO CHANGE)

H. SOCIAL WELFARE - SOUVANH SANANIKHOM (NO CHANGE).

4. AMPHORNSAVATH VONGKOTRATTANA WAS RE- ELECTED SECRETARY
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OF APU WHILE SERC VORAVONGSA MOVED UP FROM
DEPUTY SECRETARY TO SECRETARY OF IPU.

5. EARLIER IN WEEK, THERE HAD BEEN SOME SPECULATION THAT BECAUSE OF HIS HEALTH, PHOU- MIGHT NOT RUN AGAIN FOR ASSEMBLY PRESIDENCY WHICH HAD, OF COURSE, STIRRED FURTHER TALK ABOUT A POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR.

AFTER HIS ELECTION, PHOUI REFERRED TO HIS HEALTH AND AGE; MENTIONED THAT HE HAD OVERCOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT RUNNING THIS TIME: BUT HE THEN NOTED THAT ASSEMBLY MUST LOOK TOWARD TIME WHEN YOUNGER MEMBERS WILL ASSUME GREATER RESPONSIBILITIES.

6. ASSEMBLY WILL PRESENT RESULTS OF ELECTIONS TO KING ON MAY 14. DURING REMAINDER OF WEEK, COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN WILL RE- CONSTITUTE THEIR COMMITTEES AND ASSEMBLY WILL PROBABLY BEGIN WORKING SESSIONS WEEK BEGINNING MAY 21.

7. COMMENT WILL FOLLOW SEPTEL.
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